

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
January 18, 2008

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board of Trustees Room in Olivia Bender Cafeteria/Crosby Hall on the Pearl River Community College Campus in Poplarville, Mississippi.

Members present: Mr. Johnny L. (Chip) Crane, Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Edwin (Ed) Perry, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, Mrs. Brenda Yonge and Mr. George Walker.

Members absent: Mr. Bruce Martin

Staff in attendance: Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Dr. Jason Pugh, Dr. Larry Day, and Mrs. Denise Walley.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Chuck Rubisoff – Office of the Attorney General, Dr. Reginald (Reggie) Sykes – Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL).

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. George Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

Mr. Napoleon Moore gave the invocation.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 20 - 21, 2007 Meeting

Upon a motion by Mr. Max Huey and a second by Mrs. Pat Dickens, the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the December 20 - 21, 2007 meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Walker asked to adjust the agenda by making an announcement immediately after the President's Report. Upon a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and a second by Mr. Chip Crane the Board **voted unanimously** to approve the agenda for the January 18, 2008 meeting.

Welcome

Dr. William Lewis greeted the Board and Staff to the Poplarville Campus. He gave a brief history of the campus and told of the damage done during Hurricane Katrina.

Announcement

Mr. Walker announced that the Executive Director Search Committee met on Thursday, January 17, 2008 and voted to hire Dr. Eric Clark as the next Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. Dr. Clark will begin work on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Mr. Walker left the meeting to call Dr. Clark to confirm his employment and to contact the college presidents. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Chip Crane, Vice Chair.

Executive Director's Report

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher reminded the Board that at the last meeting they agreed to take action regarding housing the Community College Foundation staff. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Pat Dickens and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously approved** this request.

Dr. Stonecypher reported that Mr. Christian Pruett, currently employed by IHL, will begin working at the SBCJC as Director of Distance Learning, effective February 1, 2008.

Ms. Pamela Harrion has left the SBCJC to work for the Veteran's Administration.

Mrs. Janet Dominy has been promoted to the Technical Specialist – Publications/Programs position. For the present time, Mrs. Dominy will continue to attend the Board meetings until another Administrative Assistant is on board.

MACJC Report

Dr. Lewis stated that the Presidents did not meet in December; therefore, no report was needed.

Career and Technical Report

Dr. Jason Pugh advised that Virginia College has filed a Declaration of Intent to establish a practical nursing program at their Mississippi Campus.

The following Declaration of Intent was submitted:

Virginia College at Jackson (Proprietary School) – This is a formal declaration of intent to establish a practical nursing program (CIP Code 51.1613) in Mississippi, as required by the Practical Nursing Accreditation Guidelines.

The following program requests were submitted:

Hinds Community College (Allied Health Center - Jackson) –This is an expansion of admission criteria from LPN to RN Transition to include paramedics and respiratory therapists.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bobby Steinriede and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously voted** to expand admission criteria from LPN to RN transition to include paramedics and respiratory therapists at Hinds.

Northeast Mississippi Community College (Booneville) – Degree Program; Computer Information Systems Technology: Web and Programming Technology. (CIP Code 11.1004) This is a combined version of two existing programs.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bobby Steinriede and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously voted** to combine the Computer Information Systems Technology program and the Web and Programming Technology program at Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Pearl River Community College (Forrest County Center and Poplarville) – Degree Program: Associate of Applied Science and Certificate Program; Certificate of Proficiency in Criminal Justice. (CIP Code 43.0199) This is a new program request.

Upon a motion by Mr. Max Huey and a second by Mrs. Pat Dickens, the Board **unanimously voted** to approve this new program request at Pearl River Community College.

Southwest Mississippi Community College (Summit) – Degree Program: Associate of Applied Science; Process Operations Technology, Oil and Gas. (CIP Code 15.0699) This is a new program request.

Upon a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and a second by Mr. Max Huey, the Board **unanimously voted** to approve this new program request at Southwest Mississippi Community College.

Dr. Pugh stated that it has not been 30 days since the last meeting; therefore, the 2008 Curriculum Revisions placed on review through the Administrative Procedures Act process will be brought before the Board at the February meeting for final approval.

Workforce Report

Dr. Pugh began the Workforce report by stating obligated resources have increased by approximately \$1,000,000 to \$18,700,000. January is a busy month for program review and revision.

A \$300,000 grant has been received from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) to support the colleges in their new data collection for Workforce training. These funds will be divided equally among the colleges for staffing and computer services associated with data collection.

Accountability and Technology Report

Dr. Day stated that EdNet has not met since the last Board meeting; therefore, he had no report at this time.

Program Report

Dr. Randall Bradberry gave the Board members a handout which detailed information on the CPSCR Board meeting which took place on December 20, 2007.

Dr. Bradberry reported that Mrs. Eloise Richardson gave him an ABE/GED update yesterday. Mrs. Richardson reported 11,357 candidates took the GED in 2006 and that 12,107 candidates took it in 2007. She stated that 5,931 diplomas were issued in 2006, and 7,139 diplomas were issued in 2007. Of the 12,107 candidates that took the GED in 2007, 4,329 took ABE classes prior to taking the GED.

A new Distance Learning Director has been hired. Mr. Christian Pruett, presently working with IHL, will begin work at the SBCJC on February 1, 2008.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pat Dickens and a second by Mr. Max Huey, the Board **unanimously approved** the addition of Mr. Soraya Weldon from Meridian Community College and Dr. Mark Taylor from Jones County Junior College to the Nissan Scholarship Committee.

Legislative Report

Dr. Bradberry had handouts that gave the MACJC assignments for the 2008 Legislative Session, FY09 Funding Priorities as agreed upon by the MACJC, and a list of bills that are currently being tracked by our agency. S.C. 502 (in part) proposes legislation to shorten the timetable for processing legislation. Dr. Bradberry also gave the Board members a list of the Mississippi State Senate Standing Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs for 2008 – 2011.

Finance Report

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert reviewed the items on the Finance as follows:

Upon a motion by Mr. Ed Perry and a second by Mrs. Pat Dickens, the Board **unanimously approved** the **General Fund 2298 Disbursements for February – June 2008** in equal amounts of \$12,763,318.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ed Perry and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously approved** the **Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement – January 31, 2007** in the total amount of \$3,066,093.00.

Mrs. Gilbert stated that a report has been submitted to PEER regarding their request on textbook sales. This report is included as Attachment 3.

Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of close of December 31, 2007. They are shown as Attachments 4a and 4b.


Travel Authorizations

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pat Dickens and a second by Mr. Napoleon Moore, the Board **unanimously approved** travel reimbursements to Jackson on February 20, 2008 for the MACJC Legislative Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.


Mr. George Walker, Chairman


Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director

